

A bill (S. 2852) to provide assistance to Special Olympics to support expansion of Special Olympics and development of education programs and a Healthy Athletes Program, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 1084) to provide liability protection to nonprofit volunteer pilot organizations flying for public benefit and to the pilots and staff of such organizations.

A bill (H.R. 1787) to remove civil liability barriers that discourage the donation of fire equipment to volunteer fire companies.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I now ask for their second reading, and in order to place the bills on the calendar under provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will receive their second reading on the next legislative day.

SUPREME COURT AUTHORIZATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 707, S. 2742.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2742) to extend certain authority of the Supreme Court Police, modify the venue of prosecutions relating to the Supreme Court building and grounds, and authorize the acceptance of gifts to the United States Supreme Court, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am pleased to be an original cosponsor of S. 2742, which is a short but important piece of legislation that Senator HATCH and I have cosponsored at the request of the Supreme Court. This legislation would renew authority to provide security for the Justices when they leave the Supreme Court. Recent reports of the assault of Justice Souter when he was outside of the Supreme Court highlight the importance of security for Justices. If no congressional action is taken, the authority of Supreme Court police to protect Justices off court grounds will expire at the end of this year.

Another provision in this legislation allows the Supreme Court to accept gifts "pertaining to the history of the Supreme Court of the United States or its justices." The Administrative Office of the Courts currently has statutory authority to accept gifts on behalf of the judiciary. This provision would grant the Supreme Court authority to accept gifts but it would narrow the types of gifts that can be received to historical items. I think this provision strikes the proper balance.

Finally, this legislation also would provide an additional venue for the prosecution of offenses that occur on the Supreme Court grounds. Currently, the DC Superior Court is the only place of proper venue despite the uniquely Federal interest at stake. This legislation would allow suit to be brought in United States District Court in the District of Columbia.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Hatch amendment at the desk be agreed to, that the bill, as amended, be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3729) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To provide for authority to accept gifts pertaining to the history of the Supreme Court, and for other purposes)

On page 2, lines 22 and 23, strike "for the purpose of aiding or facilitating the work of the United States Supreme Court," and insert "pertaining to the history of the United States Supreme Court or its justices,".

The bill (S. 2742), as amended, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 2742

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT POLICE TO PROTECT COURT OFFICIALS OFF THE SUPREME COURT GROUNDS.

Section 6121(b)(2) of title 40, United States Code, is amended by striking "2004" and inserting "2008".

SEC. 2. VENUE FOR PROSECUTIONS RELATING TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

Section 6137 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

"(b) VENUE AND PROCEDURE.—Prosecution for a violation described in subsection (a) shall be in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, on information by the United States Attorney or an Assistant United States Attorney."

SEC. 3. GIFTS TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

The Chief Justice or his designee is authorized to accept, hold, administer, and utilize gifts and bequests of personal property pertaining to the history of the United States Supreme Court or its justices, but gifts or bequests of money shall be covered into the Treasury.

MEASURE REFERRED—H.R. 3428

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that H.R. 3428, a bill to designate a portion of the U.S. courthouse located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue in Alexandria, VA, as the "Justin W. Williams United States Attorney's Building" which is on the calendar, be referred to the committee on Environment and Public Works.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's cal-

endar: No. 690 and all nominations on the Secretary's desk with NOAA and the Public Health Service.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Dionel M. Aviles, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

PN1977 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION nominations (124) beginning Jonathan W. Bailey, and ending Richard A. Edmundson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 20, 2004.

PN1978 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION nominations (29) beginning Timothy J. Gallagher, and ending Bernard R. Archer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 20, 2004.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PN1511 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE nominations (224) beginning Terence L. Chorba, and ending Parmjeet S. Saini, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 8, 2004.

PN1632 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE nominations (2) beginning Daniel Molina, and ending James D. Warner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2004.

PN1633 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE nominations (8) beginning Songhai Barclift, and ending Gregory Woitte, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2004.

PN1634 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE nominations (652) beginning Alvin Abrams, and ending Ariel E. Vidales, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2004.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 29. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then resume consideration of S. 2845, the intelligence reform bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.